



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ENRIQUE A. OTI



Lieutenant Colonel Enrique Oti is the Managing Director of the Air Force Element, Defense Innovation Unit Experimental. The unit was established by the Secretary of Defense to build relationships between Silicon Valley and the Department of Defense in order to scout for new technology and help bring innovative ideas back to the Pentagon.

Lt Col Oti was commissioned on 28 May 1997 from the United States Air Force Academy. Following commissioning, his first assignment was to the USAF Special Operations School, Hurlburt Field, Florida, where he served as a course director and briefer in numerous joint special operations courses. In 1999, he was assigned to Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras, where he supported the task force commander as Secretary Joint Staff, while additionally serving as the Deputy Officer in Charge of the JTF Bravo search and rescue team. Upon assignment to Bolling AFB, DC, Lt Col Oti performed numerous communications officer duties, culminating as the commander of the 11th Communications Squadron Information Systems Flight.

Lt Col Oti received a secondary designation as a Latin American Foreign Area Officer, and performed duties at US Southern Command Air Forces in Davis Monthan AFB, AZ, including deployable communications, Commander's Action Group, and information operations, to include psychological operations and military deception. He was then selected as an Olmsted Scholar to Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China, where he studied International Relations. Following his studies in China, Lt Col Oti was designated as a Regional Affairs Strategist for China and assigned to the Commander's Action Group, Headquarters, United States Pacific Command, where he directly supported the Commander as a strategic planner and Director of Strategic Communication. Later, as a member of the USPACOM China Strategic Focus Group, he specialized in analyzing Chinese strategies, to include national development, maritime, and cyber strategies.

Following his assignment at USPACOM, Lt Col Oti was selected as the Commander of the 694th Intelligence Support Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, providing flexible and reliable communications capabilities for Distributed Ground System - 3 (DGS-3) in support of the processing, exploitation, and dissemination of intelligence from the U-2 and RQ-4. Most recently, he served as a National Security Affairs Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

Lt Col Oti holds Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College and a Master of Arts in International Relations from Zhejiang University in China. Lt Col Oti's operational deployments include Deputy J6, Joint Special Operations Task Force II, Brindisi Air Base, Italy, and Deputy J6 and then J35 planner, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Afghanistan, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.